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TITLE: METHOD AND AUTOMATED SYSTEM FOR STORING AND DISTRIBUTING
VARIOUS OBJECTS OR ARTICLES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In conjunction with the filing of the present application, and prior to an initial Official Action on this matter, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Please note that the following amendments apply to the attached specification and claims labeled for U.S. filing. This combined application incorporates the original application and any annex to the International Application in the proper order, including the correct original and substitute pages, claims and drawing sheets.

Preliminary Amendment: SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

In Paragraph [0017], please amend the paragraph as follows:

The above goals, characteristics, and advantages, and still others, are best described in the description that follows and the attached drawings: drawings.

In Paragraphs [0020] to [0024], please amend the paragraphs as follows:

[0020] Figure 3 shows a magnified partial perspective view of the detail of a stocking tray according to the invention.

[0021] Figure 4 shows a partial elevation view of a detail of the rear of a rack according to the invention.

[0022] Figures 5 and 6 show, seen from above, top plan views of two possible arrangement forms of the system according to the invention, highlighting the modularity of the stocking zone of the objects.

[0023] Figure 7 shows a perspective view of the mat that ensures the temporary stocking of the objects removed connected to two extractors according to the invention.